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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

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Annotations

Item 1. Election of the Bureau

1. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 1991 is given in annex I below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 1991 should be the representative of an African State. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

2. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

3. Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be convened on 30 January 1991 for the election of the Bureau.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

4. Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session. The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the relevant legislative decisions.

5. In addition to adopting the agenda, the Council may wish to consider under this item the questions set out below.

Dates of the thirty-third session of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

6. The thirty-third session of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances is scheduled to be convened at Headquarters from 6 to 10 May 1991. The Working Group has requested that the session be held from 18 to 22 March 1991.

Dates of the Tenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

7. At its resumed second regular session of 1990, the Council decided that the Tenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance, which was to have been held from 30 January to 9 February 1991, would be held in September 1991, with the exact dates and venue to be decided at the organizational session of the Council for 1991 (decision 1990/287).

Item 3. Basic programme of work of the Council

8. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

9. The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1991 and 1992 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

10. Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the co-operation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and on the allocation of agenda items and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Note verbale dated 27 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

11. At its resumed second regular session of 1990, the Council decided to consider the note verbale dated 27 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1990/121), regarding the enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, at its organizational session for 1991 within the context of the programme of work of the Council for 1991 (decision 1990/285).

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1991 and 1992 (E/1991/1 and Add.1)

Proposals by the Bureau of the Council on the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1991 and 1992

Note verbale dated 27 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1990/121)

Item 4. Elections and appointments to subsidiary bodies of the Council and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions

Elections

12. The Council will be called upon to hold elections, postponed from previous sessions, to the following bodies:

Commission on Human Settlements (E/1991/L.2)

(a) From African States: three members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994;

(b) From Asian States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994.

Committee on Natural Resources

(a) From African States: six members, three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994 and three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992;

(b) From Asian States: six members, three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994 and three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992;

(c) From Eastern European States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994;

(d) From Western European and other States: eight members, four for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994 and four for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992.

Commission on Transnational Corporations (E/1991/L.3)

(a) From Latin American and Caribbean States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993;

(b) From Western European and other States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/1991/L.4)

(a) From African States: four members, three for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993 and one for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991;

(b) From Asian States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993;

(c) From Latin American and Caribbean States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

Confirmations

13. The Secretary-General will submit for confirmation by the Council the names of persons nominated to serve as representatives on the functional commissions of the Council since the organizational session for 1990 (E/1991/3 and addenda).

Item 5. Provisional agenda for the first regular session of 1991 and related organizational matters

14. Rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that the Secretary-General shall draw up at the organizational session the provisional agenda for the first regular session of the year. Accordingly, the provisional agenda for the first regular session of 1991 will be submitted for the Council's consideration as soon as the Council has approved the basic programme of work.

Annex

MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN 1991

	Term expires on 31 December
Algeria	1992
Argentina	1993
Austria	1993
Bahamas	1991
Bahrain	1992
Botswana	1993
Brazil	1991
Bulgaria	1992
Burkina Faso	1992
Cameroon	1991
Canada	1992
Chile	1993
China	1992
Czechoslovakia	1991
Ecuador	1992
Finland	1992
France	1993
Germany	1993
Guinea	1993
Indonesia	1991
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1992
Iraq	1991
Italy	1991
Jamaica	1992
Japan	1993
Jordan	1991
Kenya	1991
Malaysia	1993
Mexico	1992
Morocco	1993
Netherlands	1991
New Zealand	1991
Nicaragua	1991
Niger	1991
Pakistan	1992
Peru	1993
Romania	1992
Rwanda	1992
Somalia	1993
Spain	1993
Sweden	1992
Syrian Arab Republic	1993

	Term expires on 31 December
Thailand	1991
Togo	1993
Trinidad and Tobago	1993
Tunisia	1991
Turkey	1993
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	1991
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1992
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1992
United States of America	1991
Yugoslavia	1993
Zaire	1992
Zambia	1991